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Democratic Republic), the following rail shipments were made from East Germany to Bulgaria in December 1951:

<u>Dispatching Station</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Weight (tons)</u>	<u>Receiving Station</u>
Bad Schandau	Empty railroad cars.	208	--	Ruse
Bad Schandau	Used packing material.	1	8.4	Ruse
Bad Schandau	Miscellaneous products.	3	25.8	Ruse
Bad Schandau	Machinery.	2	14.2	Ruse
Bad Schandau	Ironware.	1	8.6	Ruse
Bad Schandau	Machinery.	--	15.5	Vidin
Bad Schandau	Miscellaneous products.	6	31.5	Vidin
Bad Schandau	Iron wire.		1.1	Vidin
Bad Schandau	Household goods.		2.2	Vidin
Bad Schandau	Benzole acid and aniline dye		3.8	Vidin
Bad Schandau	Used packing material		8.0	Vidin
Bautzen	Encased buffers (Huelsens-puffer)	3	45.5	Ruse

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<u>Dispatching Station</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Weight (tons)</u>	<u>Receiving Station</u>
Berlin-Osthafen	Vibrating machines and press molding machines.	1	2.4	Vidin
Berlin-Rummelsburg	High-voltage cables.	7	121.9	Vidin
Berlin-Rummelsburg	Cable fittings.	1	6.7	Vidin
Berlin-Rummelsburg	Rubber hosing.	1	6.3	Vidin
Bitterfeld	Chloride of lime.	17	190.2	Ruse
Chemnitz-Kappel	Typewriters.	1	8.1	Vidin
Delitzsch	Empty tank cars.	2	--	Septemvri (rtd into distribution)
Dessau	Equipment for cement factory .	11	126.8	Ruse
Dessau	Equipment for cement factory.	8	109.9	Vidin
Dresden-Altstadt	Machines	1	8.1	Ruse
Eisenach	75 motorcycles.	6	15.0	Ruse
Gruenhainichen-Borstendorf paper	Paper.	10	110.2	Ruse
Hettstedt	Electrolytic copper.	7	128.8	Ruse
Hettstedt Copper and Brass Plant	Copper bands.	4	75.0	Ruse
Leimbach-Kaiseroda Potash Plant	Glauber's salt.	5	79.0	Ruse
Leipzig-Ernst Thaelmann	Machinery.	1	6.8	Ruse
Magdeburg, main station	Chemicals used to protect plants from animals. (Wildverbissmittel)	--	--	Sofia (rtd into distribution)
Magdeburg-Buckau	Machinery.	1	8.2	Vidin
Magdeburg-Buckau	Machinery.	2	15.1	Kurdzhali (rtd into distribution)
Magdeburg-Suedost	Chloramine.	2	16.0	Ruse
Meissen-Triebischtal	Clay wall tiles. Acetone	7	116.9	Burgas (rtd into distribution)
Meerane	Grinding machines.	1	5.0	Ruse
Piesteritz	Foam rubber slabs.	8	46.4	Plovdiv (rtd into distribution)

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<u>Dispatching Station</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Weight (tons)</u>	<u>Receiving Station</u>
Piesteritz	Foam rubber slabs.	10	63.5	Pleven
Piesteritz	Foam rubber slabs.	4	24.1	Tolbukhin (formerly Dobrich)
Piesteritz	Foam rubber slabs.	3	16.6	Yambol
Plauen/Vogtland	Machines (precision boring mill).	1	6.3	Ruse
Raguhn	Sheet iron.	1	7.6	Ruse
Sangerhausen	About 3,550 bicycles.	35	88.1	Vidin
Stassfurt	Unpurified potassium sulfate.	3	54.3	Bratislava, Czechoslovakia
Stassfurt	Unpurified potassium sulfate.	4	72.4	Ruse
Stassfurt	Unpurified potassium sulfate.	13	231.1	Sofia
Suhl	61 motorcycles.	4	8.6	Ruse
Velten/Mark	Calcium bromide.	2	12.1	Vidin
Torgau	Plate glass.	32	537.8	Bratislava, Czechoslovakia
Torgau	Plate glass.	10	150.4	Ruse
Werdau	New refrigerator cars.	55	605.5	Ruse
Woffleben	Empty tank cars.	1	--	Dimitrovgrad
Wolfen	Undetermined.	1	5.4	Ruse
TOTAL		507	3,251.2	

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<u>Categories of Products</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Weight (in tons)</u>
Vehicles and vehicle components.	103	762.7
Plate glass.	42	688.2
Chemical products.	72	809.5
Iron, metal, metalware.	22	356.0
Industrial installations, machines, apparatus.	31	326.4
Stones and earth.	7	116.9
Paper.	10	110.2
Miscellaneous goods.	9	81.3
Empty freight cars.	211	--
TOTAL	507	3,251.2

Ruse and Vidin are border crossing railroad stations and transshipment ports on the Danube River. Shipments consigned to these two towns may therefore have been forwarded to their final destinations either by rail or ship. The shipments of potassium sulphate and plate glass consigned to Bratislava, Czechoslovakia were probably transloaded on a Danube River ship and forwarded to Bulgaria. The 55 refrigerator cars consigned from Werdau to Ruse were new cars constructed by the VEB Wagoonbau in Werdau and were presumably designed for the transportation of fish. According to other information, these refrigerator cars have a carrying capacity of 15 tons each and can be used on express trains. The other shipments of vehicles and vehicle components consisted of encased buffers, produced by the VEB Wagoonbau in Bautzen; about 3,550 bicycles produced by the VEB MIFA Bicycle Plant in Sangerhausen; 75 motorcycles produced by the VEB Motorenwerke, formerly the Bayerische Motorenwerke (BMW), in Eisenach; and 61 motorcycles produced by the VEB Vehicle Plant, formerly Simson & Co., in Suhl. The motorcycles are believed to have been BMWs and AWO-250s with a piston displacement of 250 cubic cm. each. Shipments from Hettstedt to Ruse consisted of 75 tons of copper bands and about 129 tons of electrolytic copper. Information concerning crude copper imported from Hungary to Eastern Germany and re-exported after being processed into electrolytic copper, was contained in a previous report [REDACTED]. Only 211 empty cars were listed in the shipping documents made out by the Bad Schandau freight dispatch office during the period from 23 to 31 December 1951. The documents concerning the movement of empty cars during the period from 1 to 22 December 1951 were not available. However, a supplementary note on one of the consignment certificates prepared by the freight office in Bad Schandau indicated that a total of 1,120 empty railroad cars was dispatched in December 1951. [REDACTED]

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